

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
RELOCATION OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE – CAMERON SERVICE FACILITY, CAMERON
PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed reconstruction and relocation of the Hurricane Rita damaged Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative – Cameron Service Facility formerly located at 873 Marshall Street, Cameron, Louisiana. The proposed action is for replacement of the Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative – Cameron Service Facility in a different location at 815 Highway 27, Bell City, Louisiana. Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative – Cameron Service Facility seeks federal grant funds for this action eligible for repairs under a Presidential Disaster Declaration, signed on September 23, 2005 (FEMA-1607-DR-LA).

This proposed action would include construction of a new service facility/office/warehouse on an approximately 2.0 acre site approximately 20 miles from its original location. This would include constructing a 3,778 square foot building, to service the current needs in this community and the surrounding areas. Activities would include, where necessary, site preparation, building relocation and construction of necessary utilities and accoutrements (electricity, telephones, water, and sewer) for the site. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternative site analysis, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action.

The public notice will be published for five consecutive days; June 9-13, 2011. The comment period will be 15 days – beginning on June 13, 2011 through June 27, 2011. Written comments on the Draft EA can be faxed to FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office at (504) 762-2323; or mailed to FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office-Environmental/Historic Preservation Department, 1 Seine Court, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114. The Draft EA will be available for viewing at the Cameron Parish Library – Lowry Branch located at 460 Lowry Highway, Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549. A public notice will be published in the local newspaper, *The Cameron Pilot* announcing the availability of the Draft EA for public review at the Cameron Parish Library – Lowry Branch (hours are 9AM – 6PM; Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday).

Based on FEMA's findings to date, no significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated. However, if FEMA receives new information that results in a change from no adverse effects then FEMA would revise the findings and issue a second public notice allowing time for additional comments.

If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.